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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : AD/RR

DATE: 12 July 1962

FROM : Ch/E

SUBJECT: ERA/ORR Intelligence Support for Counterinsurgency Activities

1. ERA/ORR intelligence support for counterinsurgency has focused on analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the Cuban economy and on extensive reporting of Sino-Soviet Bloc economic and military assistance to the underdeveloped countries of the Free World, and with Sino-Soviet Bloc trade with such countries.

2. Three types of intelligence research are being conducted in support of US policy toward the Castro regime. First, a series of studies on major sectors of the Cuban economy have been completed and forwarded to DD/P which identify exploitable vulnerabilities in the Cuban economy. Second, ERA/ORR continuously contributes a substantial volume of current intelligence reporting on Cuba, which is designed to inform US policy makers of new developments in the Cuban economy and of new trade and military as well as economic assistance arrangements with the Bloc. We have also begun contributing to national estimates on Cuba through analysis of economic factors. Third, we have been providing intelligence support to clandestine operational activity against Cuban targets, including identification of shipping in and out of Cuba, medicines in short supply, and raw materials, machinery and replacement parts critical to the functioning of Cuban industry.

